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Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble to Perform at Central Library

Four-Piece Group Is Dedicated to the Performance of Jewish Music

SAN DIEGO – The fourth concert in the San Diego Public Library fall concert series will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble in a performance of melodies of Eastern Europe, the American Yiddish theater, and songs of Jewish Spain. Members include Robert Zelickman, clarinet; Bob Weller, percussion; George Svoboda, guitar; and Bert Turetzky, bass. The concert will be held in the third floor auditorium of Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

The *San Diego Union Tribune* has called the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble a "superb band" with a "distinctive approach to Klezmer." The *San Diego Jewish Press Heritage* observed: "Listeners thrilled to the music of the Second Avenue Klezmer Ensemble. Leader Robert Zelickman played his clarinet with emotional fervor as he led the ensemble in lively freylakhs, nostalgic waltzes, Russian shers and Romanian bulgars" and commented on Mr. Zelickman's "inspiring artistry." The lively tradition of klezmer music began in the Middle Ages among the Jewish people of Eastern Europe, Greece, and the Balkans. The music did not receive the term "klezmer" until the 19th century, when Jewish immigration brought the style from Europe to the United States.

The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available at the lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th Avenue, courtesy of Five Star Parking. In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

For more information, call the Central Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 619-236-5810 or visit the Library on the City's website at www.sandiegolibrary.org. Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's online catalog.